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<b>(21) International Application Number:</b> PCT/US98/27862 <b>(22) International Filing Date:</b> 31 December 1998 (31.12.98)  <b>(71) Applicant (for all designated States except US):</b> THE GENERAL HOSPITAL CORPORATION [US/US]; Fruit Street, Boston, MA 92114 (US).  <b>(72) Inventors; and</b> <b>(75) Inventors/Applicants (for US only):</b> GARDELLA, Thomas, J. [US/US]; 1045 Greendale Avenue, Needham, MA 02492 (US). KRONENBERG, Henry, M. [US/US]; 48 Hastings Road, Belmont, MA 02178 (US). POTTS, John, T., Jr. [US/US]; 129 Chestnut Street, Newton, MA 02165 (US).  <b>(74) Agents:</b> GOLDSTEIN, Jorge, A. et al.; Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox P.L.L.C., Suite 600, 1100 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20005-3934 (US).		<b>(81) Designated States:</b> AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, CA, CH, CN, CU, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, NO, NZ, PL, PT, RO, RU, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SL, TJ, TM, TR, TT, UA, UG, US, UZ, VN, YU, ZW, ARIPO patent (GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, SD, SZ, UG, ZW), Eurasian patent (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM), European patent (AT, BE, CH, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE), OAPI patent (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG).  <b>Published</b> <i>With international search report.</i> <i>Before the expiration of the time limit for amending the claims and to be republished in the event of the receipt of amendments.</i> <i>With an indication in relation to deposited biological material furnished under Rule 13bis separately from the description.</i> <i>With a statement concerning non-prejudicial disclosure or exception to lack of novelty.</i>
<b>(54) Title:</b> PTH RECEPTOR AND SCREENING ASSAY UTILIZING THE SAME		
<b>(57) Abstract</b> <p>The invention provides a novel PTH receptor polypeptide, r8Nt, characterized by a deletion of the extracellular amino-terminus, ligand binding domain of the receptor. Additionally disclosed are nucleic acid molecules encoding the receptor. The receptor has a minimal domain for ligand binding and is useful in screening assays designed for the identification of agonists and antagonists of PTH receptor activity.</p>		

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*Escherichia coli* Plasmid TG-376**NETHERLANDS**

The applicant hereby requests that until the date of a grant of a Netherlands patent or until the date on which the application is refused or withdrawn or lapsed, the microorganism shall be made available as provided in Rule 31F(1) of the Patent Rules only by the issue of a sample to an expert. The request to this effect must be furnished by the applicant with the Netherlands Industrial Property Office before the date on which the application is made available to the public under Section 22C or Section 25 of the Patents Act of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, whichever of the two dates occurs earlier.

**NORWAY**

The applicant hereby requests that, until the application has been laid open to public inspection (by the Norwegian Patent Office), or has been finally decided upon by the Norwegian Patent Office without having been laid open to public inspection, the furnishing of a sample shall only be effected to an expert in the art. The request to this effect shall be filed by the applicant with the Norwegian Patent Office not later than at the time when the application is made available to the public under Sections 22 and 33(3) of the Norwegian Patents Act. If such a request has been filed by the applicant, any request made by a third party for the furnishing of a sample shall indicate the expert to be used. That expert may be any person entered on a list of recognized experts drawn up by the Norwegian Patent office or any person approved by the applicant in the individual case.

**SINGAPORE**

The applicant hereby requests that the furnishing of a sample of a microorganism shall only be made available to an expert. The request to this effect must be filed by the applicant with the International Bureau before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication of the application.

**SWEDEN**

The applicant hereby requests that, until the application has been laid open to public inspection (by the Swedish Patent Office), or has been finally decided upon by the Swedish Patent Office without having been laid open to public inspection, the furnishing of a sample shall only be effected to an expert in the art. The request to this effect shall be filed by the applicant with the International Bureau before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date (preferably on the Form PCT/RO/134 reproduced in annex Z of Volume I of the PCT Applicant's Guide). If such a request has been filed by the applicant, any request made by a third party for the furnishing of a sample shall indicate the expert to be used. That expert may be any person entered on a list of recognized experts drawn up by the Swedish Patent office or any person approved by the applicant in the individual case.

**UNITED KINGDOM**

The applicant hereby requests that the furnishing of a sample of a microorganism shall only be made available to an expert. The request to this effect must be filed by the applicant with the International Bureau before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication of the application.

2. Statement Concerning Non-Prejudicial Disclosures or Exceptions to Lack of Novelty

Due to the publication of an abstract prior to a scientific meeting in November 1998, the applicants respectfully request that the subject international application be granted the respective provisions under national laws concerning Exceptions to Lack of Novelty in each of the designated countries. This is not an admission that the subject invention is not novel. Exception to lack of novelty is hereby requested for purposes of disclosure and precautionary measures.



## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No  
PCT/US98/27862

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(6) : C12N 1/21, 5/10, 15/12, 15/63

US CL : Please See Extra Sheet.

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 435/69.1, 252.3, 254.11, 320.1; 530/350, 324, 329, 330; 536/23.5, 24.31

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

APS, MEDLINE

search terms: parathyroid hormone receptor, PTH

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5,494,806 A (SEGRE et al.) 27 February 1996, Figures 3A-3E; Figure 21; SEQ ID NO:3; column 19, line 50, through column 21, line 27.	1, 4, 7-9, 11-17

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. ☐ See patent family annex

* Special categories of cited documents	*T* later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
*A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	*X* document of particular relevance, the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
*E* earlier document published on or after the international filing date	*Y* document of particular relevance, the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
*L* document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)	*A* document member of the same patent family
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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a)

## Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims. It is covered by claims Nos.  
1-17

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No  
PCT/US98 27862

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
US CL

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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION WAS LACKING

This ISA found multiple inventions as follows:

Group I, claim(s) 1-17, drawn to a polynucleotide encoding a rōNt receptor, a rōNt receptor polypeptide and corresponding vectors and host cells

Group II, claim(s) 18, drawn to an antibody that binds the rōNt receptor.

Group III, claim(s) 19, drawn to a method of screening for agonists and antagonists of PTH receptor activity.

The inventions listed as Groups I-III do not relate to a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

The special technical feature of Group I is polynucleotide encoding a truncated form of a PTH receptor. Group II does not share this special technical feature because it is drawn to a product which is materially unlike the product(s) of Group I. Since the rōNt receptor is a truncated PTH receptor, the antibodies of Group II could be made alternatively with the full length receptor. The method of Group III does not require the products of either Group I or Group II and could alternatively practiced with a full length PTH receptor.

Groups II and III do not share a special technical feature because the product of Group II is not required to practice the method of Group III.